flight in 1991. Two operational flights are nominally projected for 1993 and 1995. The first GSLV developmental launch capable of placing 2.0 tonne INSAT-II class payload in Geo-synchronous transfer orbit is nominally planned for launch in 1992-93. Mission studies are in progress to arrive at a baseline vehicle configuration for GSLV. The technology elements and the choice of options for the cryogenic engine and stage have been studied in detail by the study team constituted for this perpose. The critical technology elements including the long-lead items requiring advance actions are being identified.

Financial Assistance to States

1305. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central financial assistance to the States for their annual plans has relatively gone down in 1986-87 i comparison to that; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir. Summary position is given below:—

(Rs. crores)

	1985-86 (Released)	1986-87 (Budget Estimate)
1. Normal Central assistance including assistance for externally aided projects	5473	5809
2. Special Central assistance for hill areas	167	189
3. Special Central assistance for tribal sub-plan	140	155
4. Special Central assistance for border area	..	40
5. Special Central assistance for North Eastern Council	104 (Revised Estimates)	125
TOTAL	5884	6318

It would thus be seen that the budget estimates of Central Assistance for the States' Annual Plan for 1986-87 is higher by Rs 434 crores than the amount actually released in 1985-86.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointments to candidates Selected in Assistants' Grade Examination

1306. SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assistants' Grade examination was held by the Union Public service in September|October 1984 and its results declared in July 1985;

(b) whether it is also a fact that appointment letters have not yet been issued to individuals delared successful in that examination; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for delay, and when are the appointment letters likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The candidate recommended by the Union Public Service Commission for appointment on the results of the Assistants' Grade Examination's 1984 have not been nominated to the Ministries/Departments for issuing them offers of appointment because of ban filling up of vacancies. It is difficult to say how long the ban will continue in its present form.

Displacement of persons by establishment of Instrumented Test Range in Orissa

1307. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places, besides Baliapal in Balasore District of Orissa, which were considered for establishment of Instrumented Test Range;

(b) what criteria is adopted for establishing such a Range;

(c) what are the names of villages likely to be affected and proposed to be vacated due to establishment of Instrumented Test Range at Baliapal and the total pollution of those villages;

(d) whether Government propose to consider the difficulties of the people likely to be displaced and of the tribal people of the Nilgir area where it is proposed to rehabilitate the displaced persons; and

(e) what specific measures Government propose to take to associate the local people in the rehabilitation process so that there is no deterioration in the socio-economic condition of the local population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The other places considered along with Baliapal in Balasore District for establishing National Range were areas on the Western, Southern and Eastern Coast; areas in Rajasthan and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(b) Various factors are taken into consideration for selection of Range site to meet the technical and operational requirements. Some of these are, suitability for launching various systems which are to be tested in the range, adequate safety zone, location of instrumentation and facilities, rail and road communications, clear firing zone, shelter from Air and Sea Routes, free from oil and mineral deposits, good meteorological conditions, ease of recovery etc.

(c) According to the present tentative estimates, about 51 villages in the Baliapal/Bhograi PS (total population about 6100 families) would be affected and are proposed to be evacuated for the National Range Project. The exact details are being finalised.

(d) Government has taken into consideration, the difficulties of the local people likely to be displaced. The land requirements have been finalised with the objective to displace the minimum population, keeping in view the technical and safety requirements. Government of Orissa is selecting suitable sites for rehabilitation of the displaced population as near to their present villages as possible. It is not proposed to rehabilitate the displaced population in areas which are far away.

(e) Orissa Government is working on evolving measures for implementation of the rehabilitation schemes keeping in view the socio-economic conditions of the population. Apart from adequate compensation for land, houses and other assests acquired, job opportunities may be created for the displaced families (one job per family). A number of community institutions like Industrial Training Institutes, schools and hospital may also be set up.